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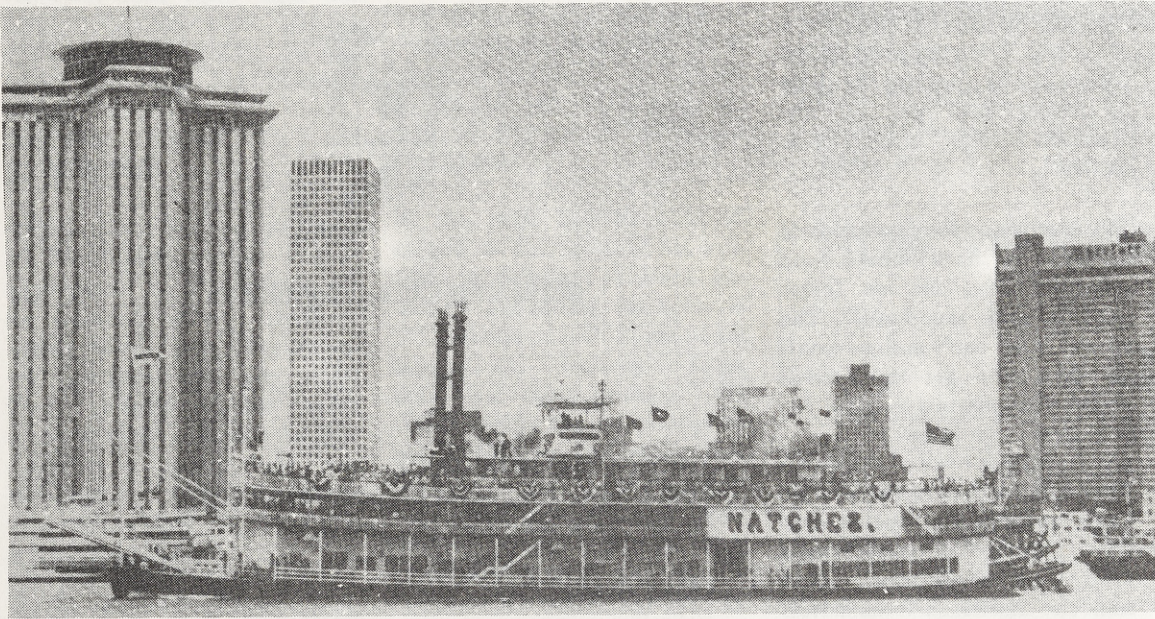
"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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WOMEN'S CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN NATION'S HISTORIC AND CULTURAL CENTER



In 1718, Jean Baptist Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville, governor of the French colony of Louisiana, chose a site on a bend in the Mississippi River, for its protective property against hurricanes and tidal waves. On this site he had a town built, which later became the capital of the colony. The town was named "La Nouvelle Orleans", or New Orleans after Philippe, Duke of Orleans.

New Orleans, the largest city in Louisiana, for the last 200 years has served as an link between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River. Known mostly for its Festivals (Mardi Gras, Spring Feista, and Heritage Festival), New Orleans entertains thousands of visitors every year. This year the 33rd Annual Women's International Convention for the Church of God in Christ shall be held in

this Historical, Cultural, and Majestic playground.

Hosted by Bishop W. K. Gordan and Mrs. M. M. Jones, the convention will run from May 25th to the 30th. The convention hotels are the Marriott and Sheraton. Meeting place is the Municipal Auditorium in the Marriott. Some events are: Early Morning Prayer, Workshops, General

Sessions, Youth Seminars, Exhibits, and a Pre-Musical that only the C.O.G.I.C. could produce. The climax of the meeting will be Sunday. Starting with Sunday Morning services and ending with the Mission's Rally Sunday night. Early Pre-Registration is urged and advised.

Red Cards will be sold for 300.00 dollars per person. The card covers: 5 nights (double occupancy), Breakfast and dinner daily, and Sunday brunch. It is important that you get your Red Card early. Hotel confirmation will be mailed to you. The convention staff will be available to assist you upon arrival at the hotel. The card can be purchased on the installment plan. If you use the Lay away plan, you will receive a receipt for every payment, and the final receipt will come with the Red Card.

All money for Red Card should be mailed to: Women's International Convention. P.O. Box 1695, Memphis, Tennessee 38101, please no personal

checks. This is to be another glorious convention like the first.

The first convention was held in California (Bishop S. M. Crouch host) under Mrs. Lillian B. Coffey in 1951. Mother Coffey succeeded Mother Roberson as the General Supervisor of the Women's Work after her death. The convention has been held in every large city in our nation for the last 33 years, yet the Women's Department started long before.

The Women's International Department was organized under Mother Roberson. She was appointed to the position of Overseer of the Women's Work by our founding Bishop. The work grew slowly but well organized. Mother Roberson started three of the now existing auxiliaries in the Department. She worked hard to carve out the shape of the Women's Department, and through the grace of God she departed this life knowing her work would go

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BISHOP WASHINGTON APPOINTS ITHIEL CLEMMONS ASSISTANT BISHOP OF EASTERN, NEW YORK



BISHOP I. CLEMMONS

On Monday, January 3, 1983, in his first annual Jurisdictional Call Meeting for organization, since the death of Bishop Kelly; Bishop F. D. Washington moved

to honor the late Bishop O. M. Kelly's dying request, "Son, hold my work together". That vast throng of Superintendents, Pastors, Elders, Ministers, Supervisor of Women, District Missionaries and Lay persons; male and female, stood in silent prayer and tribute to the memory of Bishop O. M. Kelly. Following that tribute, Bishop Washington, lifted up and laid out his "Militant Program" based on Numbers 14:37-38, 44-45.

To a cheering, enthusiastic crowd, Bishop Washington selected and appointed Bishop Ithiel Clemmons as Assistant Jurisdictional Bishop. From 1976 to 1982, Bishop Clemmons

served as Special Assistant to Bishop O. M. Kelly. Since 1972, he has worked closely with Bishop Washington on many National and Jurisdictional programs. Bishop Washington solicited the prayers of the saints for Bishop Clemmons' physical health because of the wide range of activities in which he is involved. He said, Dr. Clemmons is Co-Pastor of one church, Pastor of another, is Bishop of Military and Institutional Chaplaincy. "I want to pray for his health so that he can have the strength not only to help me with this work, but to enjoy the benefits of our labor together."

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THE EVANGELIST WHO WOULDN'T PUT DOWN HIS HORN



ELDER BATTLES ACCOMPANES BISHOP BELL DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

In the previous November Convocation there was an

evangelist present in some of the devotional services playing a trumpet. Ordinarily this would not seem to be of any significance. But, in this case, one would have thought that this particular evangelist would not have been present, let alone playing a trumpet! One would have thought that he would come into the service later and rise to the podium to speak or stand to his feet when

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GUEST EDITORIAL

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
HOW YOU VOTED

by
Elder Jerome Chambers
Pastor Christ Community Temple
C.O.G.I.C., St. Louis Mo.

After a long absence from the editorial scene in our paper, I decided to come back with what I've called a "hard look" at the realities and uncertainties of the average American. And race has nothing to do with it now.

The stress of trying to cope is taking its toll on all of us. Somewhere between workman's compensation and welfare; between foodstamps and charity, the American dream is fading out of existence.

The church must now play a vital role in the community. Such as it had never played before, the church has been asked to act as a "buffer" where the social programs are concerned. I am in agreement with Auxiliary Bishop (of another church) Joseph Sullivan of New York City, "There is absolutely no way the churches can compensate for loss of government aid." Not only that, we can't compete.

Hunger and poverty are inextricably linked, and although no one knows precisely how many Americans are going hungry or how many are malnourished, available evidence indicates that poverty-and hunger-are increasing. We all are aware of the sluggish economy and the highest unemployment rate since the Depression have aggravated all Americans. What has become of "the children's bread?" It is much too difficult to keep up with the ever increasing figures programs have had enormous success and made strides in progress, they still met "only the barest subsistence needs" of recipients. Hunger in America persists, but malnutrition has become a more subtle problem.

Many of our churches were "built" on chicken, fish and barbeque dinners. It was a way of life for many then and is a way of life for some now. However, there will have to be a change in the trend. Those projects that were once the vehicles of "purchasing power" for us, may now have to feed us in order to assure at least one adequate meal per week.

It is alarming, the vitamin deficient meals we choose for ourselves and those chosen for our children. Today, growth-stunting and iron-deficiency anemia are the major indices of malnutrition in the United States.

Television has given us a "roller-coaster ride" to the nearest fast-food outlet, and our children (some of us included) would rather skip the beets and brussel sprouts for a Super taco and four games of Pac-Man. My children referred to broccoli as "those little trees", but they ate it.

The average food-stamp family's

gross monthly income is about \$349--or \$4,188 a year -- and the average food-stamp benefit is only 45 cents per person per meal. Low-income families (and that's most of us) seldom have enough money to buy food economically, in large quantities, and often lack a way to get to the supermarkets in middle-class neighborhoods where they can avail themselves of sales and discounts. Gone are most of the "Mom and Pop" stores that kept us eating until payday. The "cashless society" is not new to us.

Our emergency food grant is still a pot of neck bones and potatoes. How can we forget pig-tails and sauerkraut? The answer is we can't and we won't. Go back and get those soup bones. The marrow is good for you. Don't you agree?

Handouts have not helped to build us toward self-sufficiency. The poverty programs have made us dependent upon someone rather than ourselves. The budget cuts have been so deep that recovery is just about impossible. We had better take a tip from our brothers, the Balalians (formerly called Black Muslims), and start to pull together and enterprise. Singing "We Shall Overcome and overcoming is two different things."

I do not want to sound like I am on a soap-box "trip", but don't you agree it's time to wake up. There is far too much apathy, even in the so-called "household of faith." Let's deal with the facts, the statistics and the realities that are as common as breathing. Although we take the latter for granted, the real proof of the pie is in the eating. And someone else is doing that.

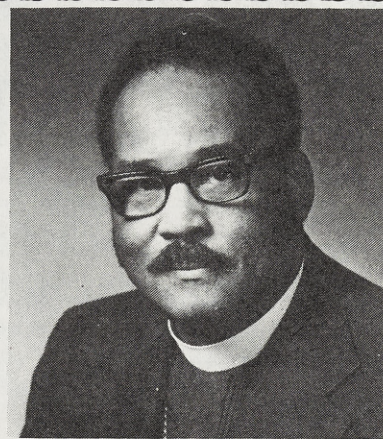
Entitlement and benefit programs account for nearly 50 percent of the federal budget, but most of that funding goes to programs serving every income group, such as Social Security, Medicare, military and Civil Service pensions.

Food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicaid and other programs that are targeted at the poor, represent only about 10 percent of the budget. It is a matter of record that this, area has been cut far more than other sections of the Reagan administrations budget. You see it. You feel it and you know it hurts. Not just in the pocket but in the stomach.

As I have forestated, the impracticality of the suggested volunteerism and private charity cannot and will not necessarily help mend the widening holes in the federal safety net.

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Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
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of the Church of God in Christ

HOLY GREETINGS:

This letter comes to thank you for your cooperation in the recent Regional Conference I conducted in your area. Your response to our call was an expression of love and confidence in the Leader of our Church. I assure you that I will always do everything within my power to be a good and faithful steward of the Lord's Church.

The Area Meetings were a success and the results were most gratifying. Many thousands of people attended the conferences and hundreds of them indicated that they had never been to Memphis and appreciated the Apostolic visit. When I returned to my office, my Secretary, The Elder A. Z. Hall, shared many letters which had come into the office from across America regarding the Meetings and I was told of the numerous telephone calls from the saints expressing their excitement about the National Church and our projections.

I am happy to advise that we did raise half of the National Budget in these meetings and we expect the balance during the Fiscal year 1983. Your participation in this effort and the loyalty and love you have shown will help to make 1983 a "Banner Year" for the ministries for the Church throughout the world.

You may always be assured of my prayers and best wishes for your success in the charge given you by the Lord and I also pray that God will grant revival in our time and use you to set hearts ablaze with the Gospel of Peace.

Your servant,

J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ, Inc.

A PORTRAIT OF A BISHOP

Eleazar Lenox, Bishop of Southern Illinois Jurisdiction COGIC, Senior Pastor of Illinois (57 years) one church, Greater Holy Temple Church of God in Christ located on Chicago's West side.

Bishop Lenox was born January 23, 1902, in Yazoo, Mississippi. Attended Yazoo City High School before moving with his family to Terrell, Arkansas in 1919. He was saved in a revival conducted by the late Evangelist R. H. I. Clark in 1921. His pastor was the late Elder P. S. Woods.

Seeking a better life, he left Arkansas that same year and went to Chicago, Ill. In 1903, he married Mamie Grover. To this union was born five children; twins-Naomi and Ruth, Louivory, Eleazar, Jr., and James Edward.

Called to the ministry this man of faith and courage known throughout the Brotherhood for his humility became Assistant Pastor to the late Elder Farley on Chicago's West side. Elder Farley resigned and the church unanimously chose Brother Lenox as Pastor. He was ordained and appointed Pastor, July 20, 1925, by the late Bishop Wm. Roberts.

During these early and trying years, Elder Lenox worked, pastored and attended a sick wife. His father passed, one of the twins, followed by his first son and then his loving wife.

In April 1936, he was united in matrimony with Truesillia Bryson, to which was added five children; Doris, TrueAnnie, Mary, EJ and Lorenzo.

Bishop Lenox was one of the churches greatest preachers, having held every office in the local and state department. Countless souls have been saved through his Bible teaching and common sense wisdom.

The membership of the Carrol Avenue Church outgrew the building. Under Eld. Lenox's leadership, they purchased the "power house" known as The Lake Street Church.

In 1945, with a personal loan of \$10,000 from Bishop C. H. Mason, he purchased one of the few real church buildings owned by COGIC members. The loan was repaid ahead of promised date earning him the favor of the churches founder Bishop Mason.

He at this time was the Assistant Overseer of Illinois under Bishop Wm. Roberts, also pastoring in Springfield, Ill.

In 1947, Bishop Mason placed the supervision of Southern Illinois in his hand. He was appointed Overseer by Bishop Mason. In spite of much opposition, Brother Lenox perservered.

During the 1954 Convocation, Overseer Lenox was promoted to the highest office of Bishop, by Senior Bishop C. H. Mason. The passing of Bishop Roberts left Bishop Lenox the Senior Bishop of Illinois. He received

his Doctor of Divinity Degree in 1959, but prefers Brother to great titles.

In 1960, he turned the Springfield church over to Elder Tinsley of Alton, Ill., so that he could devote full time to his church and state.

God has so wonderfully blessed this man of God. At deaths' door through sickness and five operations he at 80 years of age could teach for two hours without repeating himself. Chicago honored him in January of 82, with a gala yet spiritual affair.

For years he was chairman of concessions in Memphis. He is the founder of the Superannuation Fund for the help of disabled Ministers and Missionaries.

He was dealt another blow of sadness at the death of his wife again in February of 1982. His faith is yet strong, his belief is yet holiness or hell. Some of his sayings are "Nobody's doing their best doing nothing," "If you live right heaven belongs to you," "If you live wrong hell belongs to you," "If you stay with God-God will stay with you," "You've got to love everybody if you want to see Jesus." "Preachers should be examples of what they preach."

May God forever bless and strengthen Bishop E. Lenox.

Submitted by:
Elder James E. Lenox



GOD GIVETH TO A MAN THAT IS GOOD IN HIS SIGHT WISDOM, AND KNOWLEDGE, AND JOY: Eccl. 2:26, as expressed on Bishop Lenox's face, as he accepts an award from Dr. C. C. Owens, president, Religious Workers Guild, and Elder R. L. Ford, pastor, Union Tabernacle Church of God in Christ.

HOW TO SAVE A TROUBLED MARRIAGE by Elder Martin Cooper

"Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding." Prov. 4:7

How is your marriage? Are you happy with your marriage? Do you wish your marriage was a little more exciting? If you've answered the first two questions negatively, then this issue will greatly benefit you.

I would like to began by saying marriage is the best institution God has given unto man, besides the gift of the Holy Spirit. Marriage is a sweet and sacred ordinance. Christ said, "A man will leave father and mother and cleave (hold onto- stay with) to his wife." Proverbs also admonish us with these sayings, "Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy

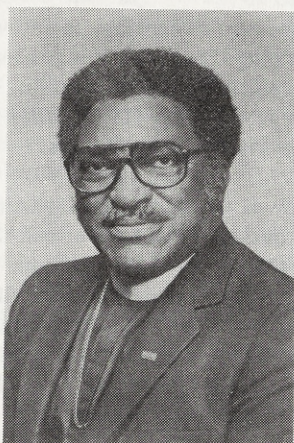
youth: and be thou ravished always with her love." Proverbs 5:18-19. The wife is to help make such love possible by obeying the sayings of Peter. "Likewise ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands: even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Lord." I Pet. 3:6. If you want your marriage to work, it will. Marriage is like a garden. If you do not tend to it, weeds will over-run it. But if you cultivate it, in due season you will reap the good crop. So it is with marriage. A good or successful marriage is the result of a lot of hard work - giving and forgiving. Are you willing to sacrifice such hard work to make your marriage work?

As Christians, we must look upon our spouse as a gift from God, and not as the devil, or from the devil. Your spouse is that same loving person you married at first; Only that first love needs to be re-cultivated. How do you go about re-awakening your spouse's love? By first re-awakening your own love. How can you expect your spouse to show love toward you, when you aren't showing any love yourself? Do not expect one week of trying to cure what years of negligence has built up. It is going to take sometime. But that time can be the most enjoyable time of all your marital years. There are no iron chad rules or formulas to a successful marriage. However, there are some suggestions that might help one to get off on the right track, bearing in mind that these aren't quick-cure suggestions. In time they will bring about a change if you follow them prayerfully.

In order for a marriage to be successful, both spouses must be willing to grow and change. Marriage must be a growing experience. As we grow in years, Likewise, our marriage must grow in experience.

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ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY BANQUET A GREAT SUCCESS



BISHOP SHERMAN

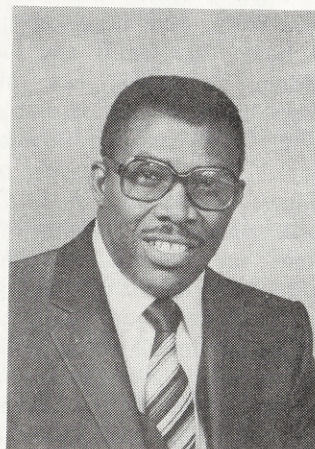
Saturday, October 30, 1982 shall always be a date of importance for the CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST in the Tidewater Area. It was on this date that our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson deplaned and graced our First Benefit Banquet. This grande event was held at the Norfolk State University in the East Dining Hall. Saints from all over the state of Virginia came by busses, cars, and vans to welcome for the first time in Jurisdiction One, our Presiding Bishop Patterson.

The purpose of this ASU BENEFIT BANQUET, as given to us by the Regional Representative for Diamond Jubilee Celebrations--Dr. Ted Thomas, Sr., was to assist our National Church in the

completion and opening of ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY. "The Lord gave me this idea after Bishop Patterson included me in one of the finest groups known, Special Emissaries for the Diamond Jubilee," said Dr. Thomas. With the help of some of the finest Superintendents one can work with, we set about trying to grab the Vision of Bishop Patterson and running with it."

The saints from Jurisdiction One are still rejoicing after being encouraged by Bishop Patterson. He encouraged us by saying that "Sometimes, he must confess, he feels discouraged. It appears that all of his labor is in vain. Last night, however, God spoke to me and told me not to worry. Last night, God told me everything was going to be alright." "Yes, even though I've heard the lightning flash; yes, I've heard the thunder roar, even breakers have been dashing trying to conquer my soul but I also heard the voice of Jesus telling me to go on for He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone."

Bishop Patterson, along with all of those in attendance, felt that this was more than just a dinner. It was a service for God and God's work. God's folk praised and magnified GOD for his manifold blessings unto the



DR. TED THOMAS

Children of men. We felt like MEMPHIS had come to us as we listened to the PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST WORLDWIDE give to us what God had given him.

We salute Bishop Patterson for striving to bring to fruition the vision God has given him. We Salute Dr. Thomas for grabbing this vision and running with it and for bringing Bishop Patterson to us in the first Jurisdiction for the first time as we wanted to hear from him what God had told him to do.

Our toastmaster for this grande affair was the Bishop J. Howard Sherman, Chairman of the Board of Bishops of the CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST. He did a

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YOUTH NEWS AND VIEWS

by
Elder Charles E. Hawthorne

THE NEED FOR CHILD EVANGELISM PART II IN A SERIES

by
Mother Ardella Portis

As I was reading an article in the Whole Truth title "A Cry From Youth," a message to church leaders. My cry is for our children who today are brought up in the church and have not been taught the "Plan of Salvation." I spoke to a young father about his children, he felt that they were too young to receive Christ as their Saviour, they should wait until they are ten (10) years old. Our youth today are not taught in the home as Moses, Samuel, Joseph, Solomon son of King David, even the three Hebrew boys and Daniel the captives from Judea, these youth had been taught by their parents from childhood-Mark 10:14.

I know Jesus is displeased today, because as in I King 20:40, it seem as though the children are left out, to be destroyed by lust, drugs, and crime of all kind, have the church decided it? A Child Saved is a Soul Saved, Plus a Life, this is why Ecc. 12:1 says, remember now this is the youthful years. Youth who have been like young Timothy, II Tim. 3:14, 15-this was learned in childhood, childhood life is from one (1) to twelve (12) years, and was to be remembered, these periods have their marked peculiarities. At no time are the senses as keen or the memories as clear as during childhood life. A child of six (6) has just as quick perception as a man, and the memory power at the age of ten (10) will never be surpassed.

The problem with today's children is the Book of Wisdom has been misunderstood, Proverbs 22:6, 15; 23:13, 14; 20:7. Look at Isaiah 30:8-14, the Bible says in Jeremiah 6:16, stand in the ways and see, after you see, ask for the old path, when you find it walk therein. I am persuaded, that youth will walk in the path when they are shown, but if we as mature teachers, missionaries or these with leadership don't stop being

too busy, we will lose our youth, and then what about the children? The Lord have made me a teacher of both and that with compassion.

As I look on the little children in the street of our American cities, as I travel from city to city and hear the cry of the youth, I see them as Jesus did in Matthews 21:1-3. What are they tied to? Rummage sales, Choirs, Ticket sale programs, everything that leads to carnality, I know they want to be involved in the ministering and witnessing to other youth, but they don't have the truth. God's Word is truth, the children want to know, and should be taught the Holy Scriptures, but no one is able to teach that do not meet God's qualification for His service.

1. You must be born again (St. John 3:6, 7).
2. You must be consecrated, that is set apart or devoted to the service or the worship of God.
3. You must be prepared being ready for service.

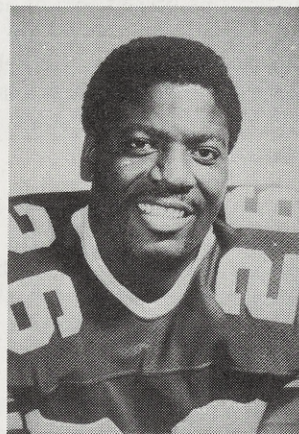
Child Evangelism have been so long misunderstood, by leadership. There is no wonder the young women and men, ask me when I teach them from God's Word, what it says about the home, the family and the children, they ask, has this always been the way it should be, my reply is yes. Because when I came into the way of Holiness and found in God's Word, what it said about the home, the parents, and the children, I could not stop crying, the Saints told me God had forgiven me for all my sins, and this to me was an awful sin, but this Godly sorrow is needed today in so many families, II Cor. 7:9-11 and in the book of Isaiah 28:9, 10. Whom shall he teach knowledge, and who are those who are weaned from the

milk and drawn from the breast. For precept must be upon precept. Precept mean rules of ethics. Ethics mean moral standards or systems of moral doctrines or instructions or principles of faith.

I am a member of Greater Jackson Memorial Church of God in Christ, Bishop J. A. Blake is my Shepherd and Pastor, he gives support and the opportunity for Children Church there. The Children Hour is from eleven (11) to twelve thirty (12:30), for children ages one (1) to twelve (12) years old. When the child turns twelve, he or she then is promoted to fellowship circle, this is the youth department of our church. With these Scriptures II Tim. 3:15; St. Luke 2:49; St. John 9:4 also, our children at Jackson are filled with the Holy Ghost. This pass summer two (2) of our youth helped teach in Vacation Bible School, which is a great asset to our Sunday school. The boys and girls are real witnesses at home, at school, and at play, but they must be trained, and fed the sincere milk of the Word, so that they will continue to grow, II Peter 3:18.

Let the child understand what it mean to Grow in Grace. Tell him grace is something God gives to the whole world-St. John 3:16, that we did not deserve or could not work for Ephesians 2:8,9 let him see from God's Word, how to grow like Samuel, I Samuel 2:21, 26; 3:19. God wants to use our children today, but it's the devil who hates God, Jesus, His Word and everyone that is anointed to teach or preach His Holy Word. Yes, it's true there will be a famine in the land, it's here now-Amos 8:11-13. As the cry from youth for the Whole Truth, their hands are stretched out to us mature sisters and brothers for examples of a complete surrendered life to the service of the Lord. The service is so needed for our children.

ART MALONE SAVED ROLE MODEL FOR YOUTH



ART MALONE

Proverbs 3:5-6, Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.

Holy Greetings to the Saints of God everywhere, from Paradise Church of God in Christ, 1728 E. Pueblo, Phoenix, Arizona.

My name is Brother Art Malone. I previously played professional football for the Atlanta Falcons Football Club and the Philadelphia Eagles Football

Club. I retired from Professional Football in 1978. I am currently employed at Arizona State University.

The key verse that helped me was Jeremiah 33:3. My mother, Izora Malone, had been encouraging me for some time to become "saved" but I consistently ignored her, but in September, 1982, I became "saved." I decided to give my life to "Jesus Christ" and accept his teachings.

I sincerely enjoy studying the Biblical text and taking part in both weekly and Sunday services along with my family. I am asking prayers for my brothers and sisters so that they too may join Christ.

If you are ever in the vicinity of Phoenix, Arizona please feel free to come to Paradise Church of God in Christ and worship with us.

Reported by: Bro. Art Malone
Assist. by: Min. J. B. Braker
Pastor Raymond C. Walker

HOW TO SAVE A TROUBLED MARRIAGE

by
Elder Martin Cooper

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A successful marriage is forever changing. Each day brings a new challenge. We must be willing to change our lifestyle in order to cope with these challenges.

None of us are perfect husbands or perfect wives. We can all improve in many areas. Some of the marital "skills" that are vital in a successful marriage may have grown rusty over the years, or we may have never really possessed them.

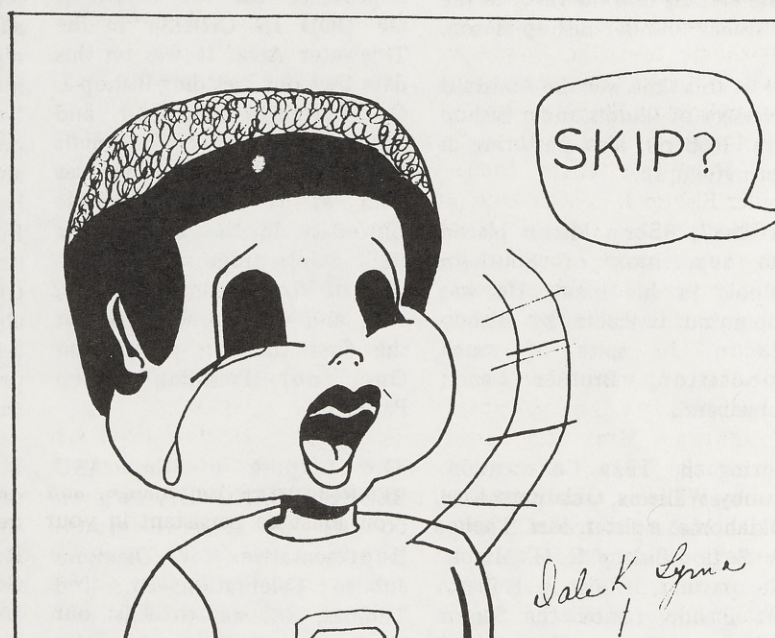
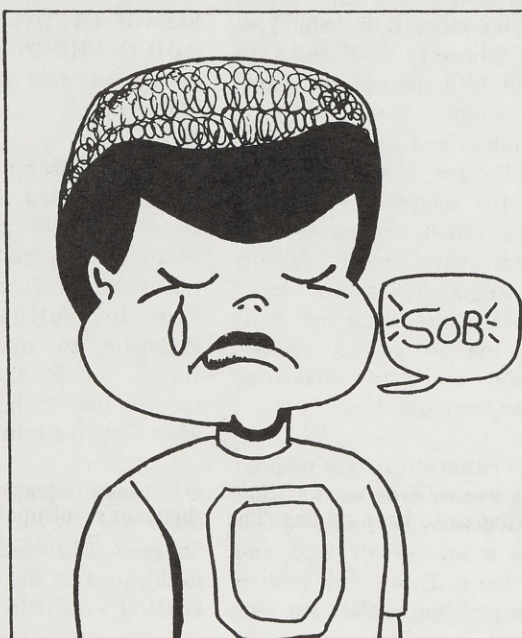
It's especially helpful to focus on your own personality instead of trying to spot the flaws in your spouse's. None of us have

the power to change another person, but we do have control over ourselves.

Is there more than one area in which you feel inadequate? Do not be discouraged. Above all, do not try to attack everything at once or you will set yourself for failure. Take it one step at a time. Rule of thumb it takes twice as long to correct something than it does to do it right.

Many marriages fail because of a breakdown in communication.

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DEATH NOTICES AND MEMORIALS

NEW YORK

Mother Callie K. Pringle, 79, of 303 Lansing St., died Sunday, August 8, 1982, Faxton Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born September 29, 1902, in Blountstown, Florida, the daughter of Riley and Sophronie Horton Snells. She later married Joseph Pringle. She came to Utica in 1943, and was a member of St. Matthew's Temple Cogie, where she served as church mother for several years, then served as District Missionary of District 8. Western New York Jurisdiction I. In 1969, she was appointed State Supervisor of the Women's Dept. of Western New York Jurisdiction I, where she served with dignity until the time of her death.

Besides her husband, she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Willie (Ola) Shaw of Sacramento, California; one son and daughter-in-law, Freddie and Carol of Long Beach, California; three brothers, Roy of Lake Placid, Fla., Neal of Blountstown, Fla., Bryant of Lake Hamilton, Fla., one sister, Rochelle Green of Dania, Fla.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

TEXAS

We pause here to shed a tear, in memory of one so dear, whose life stands forth as a guiding star. Mother Blanche E. Williams was born to Elder and Missionary F. D. Perry in Ada, Oklahoma on July 5, 1910.

She graduated from high school at Muskogee, Oklahoma and received a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in Boulder, Colorado.

She married the Rev. Abe Williams in 1956 and moved to Shamrock from Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Mother Williams held District and State Offices in Texas and Oklahoma from the Church of God in Christ. She was a State Supervisor for Women's Work of the Church of God in Christ for the Northwest Texas Diocese under Bishop J. E. Alexander of Lubbock. She was a retired teacher, having taught for twenty years in Oklahoma and three years in Wellington, Texas.

She leaves to mourn her passing a husband, Rev. Abe Williams; a daughter, Mrs. Iris Dyer, Shamrock, Texas; a son, Dr. Bobby Williams, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; a sister, Mrs. Thelma Roberts, Holdenville, Oklahoma; a brother, Rev. C. Perry, Holdenville, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren and four

great-grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends.

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me, And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea.

OBITUARY

MRS. THENOLIA CORTEZ

Thenolia Cortez, daughter of the late Aaron and Mattie Roberson was born January 2, 1909 in Rosebud, Texas.

She was united in Holy Wedlock to Mr. H. W. Cortez on September 9, 1923. To this union nine children were born.

She departed this life Saturday, January 1, 1983, at Saint Anthony Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

Thenolia was saved in December, 1931, and remained a loyal member and a faithful Minister's wife until her death. She was an Evangelist Missionary-serving as Local and State Bible Band President, District Ministers' Wives President, Local Church Mother and was instrumental in whatever her hands would find to do. Her many works are too numerous to name. She will always be remembered for her sweet and humble spirit and Motherly Affection for everyone.

Mrs. Thenolia Cortez leaves to cherish her memory, a devoted husband, Elder H. W. Cortez; five sons, Elder B. D. Cortez of Amarillo, Texas, Elder Jesse Cortez and Ray Cortez of Santa Barbara, California, Richard Cortez, Los Angeles, California, and Thurlow Cortez of Denver, Colorado. Four daughters, Mrs. Johnnie Edwards, Mrs. Nadine Johnson, Mrs. Opaline Thrower and Mrs. Daphne Hendry, all of Amarillo, Texas; one brother Archie Roberson of Killeen; 31 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

HOW TO SAVE A TROUBLED MARRIAGE

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I'm speaking of verbal (talking) communication. When was the last time you talked to your spouse, not at your spouse? Most of our marital communication is done out of anger and frustration, rather than out of love and our wanting to share our thoughts with our spouse.

Set aside some time to really talk and share with your spouse. Eventually, this sharing will become spontaneous.

Before any transformation can take place, you must have a genuine desire for change, and you must be persistent in your efforts. It took a long time for your personality to take on its present shape, and it will

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READER'S WRITE HOLISTIC LIVING by Dr. Rosie L. Davis



Dr. Rosie L. Davis

Holy living is a life of beauty, and no life can compare with this type of living. Holiness is of God, and no one can live holy except a Saint of God. The Saint lives holy ONLY because he possess the Spirit of God. Which is the Holy Ghost, or the Holy Spirit. It truly has to be the Spirit of God living on the inside of the soul.

Christ lived on this earth thirty and three years, he ministered three of those years, and the entire thirty-three years consisted of Holistic living. Christ wants to live in us, a life style we will never have to be ashamed to proclaim. Once the Holy Spirit fills the heart and souls of God's people, their life is full of love, peace, and joy, for their lives betray the life of Christ.

No other kind of living can compare with Holy living, it is the only way that leads to eternal life. All other ways of living, leads to eternal damnation. Not only does the wrong way of living lead to eternal damnation in the world to come, but it also leads to self-destruction in this present world. Hebrews 12:14, says, FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, AND HOLINESS, WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD. HOLY LIVING CONSIST OF GOD LOVING, PEACE LOVING, PEOPLE LOVING PEOPLE.

Holistic living can only become a part of us after the Holy Ghost has filled our hearts and soul. Then the Holy Ghost is our keeper, the Holy Ghost is our controller, the Holy Ghost is our guide. Therefore, the Holy Ghost will lead us into all truth. The Holy Ghost is the one who will keep us in the way of peace, and guide us into the path of righteousness, and with his mighty controlling power, He will lead us into the way of Holiness.

Praise God for the Holy Ghost, and for bringing this life to this place of Holistic living.

It was by the grace of God that I was saved in Chicago, Illinois. Before this time I knew nothing about Holiness, but the Lord blessed me to get an invitation one night to a church that was teaching the full gospel. After

hearing the Word of God, I believed and excepted it in my heart. After that, my whole life changed and I found a new life in Christ. How exciting! How wonderful! Words cannot express the joy that I found in Jesus. I never once dreamed that a life like this would ever be mine. No, my life haven't always been a bed of roses, for there has been many sorrows, trials, and tribulations. But through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, and I've learned to trust in God. He has been my keeper, my rock, my strength, and my redeemer.

Praise God for Holistic living in Christ Jesus our Lord. Holy only because of the Spirit of Christ that dwells within. I am kept by the power of God from day to day. Trials and tribulations have not broken me, but they have been the making of me. I came this far by faith, there wasn't no other way for me to go. When my days seem dark, and no one seem to care, I had to search His word until I found what I needed to take me through, and then I would just keep hanging on, putting all of my faith in God's promises, claiming them for myself. His Word has never failed me, I found the victory every time.

You have just read part of my life story, but there is much more to be said, not for me, but for Christ who made it all possible.

REQUIRED OF US A SONG by Missionary Mary Matthews Marsh

"For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song..." Psalm 137:3

Although the saints in America have not physically become captives, recent events have caused too many to feel as if they are captives. Layoffs and cutbacks and shortages suggest economic captivity. Window/door bars and deadbolt locks and numerous alarm systems imply physical captivity. Increased competition and daily pressures and interpersonal alienation can impose psychological and emotional captivity.

The national atmosphere is similar to being in a strange land. Therefore, comes the question, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" (Psalm 137:4) In essence, How shall we project victory in ever present adverse circumstances? Whatever your "strange" situations may be, as saints, remember God is requiring us to keep singing. The singing is a symbol of continuing trust in God and victory in Christ as exemplified by Paul and Silas in Acts 16:25.

In the focal passage of scripture, PSALM 137:1-4, the captives reveal three major errors which led them to the weakened state that caused them to ask, How can we project victory in such adversity? Error one appears in verse 1a, "there we sat down". Defeat begins when we "sit down" because we STOP. We stop COMPLETELY exercising faith in God and honoring the leading of the Holy Spirit. We stop TOTALLY living the way we know God has ordained. We stop FERVENTLY praying and consecrating. We stop CONSISTENTLY studying God's Word. Thus, we open ourselves up to dismay, discouragement, doubt and defeat. The Word declares "...we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Romans 8:37

The second error is illustrated in verse 1b, "we wept, when we remembered Zion." In the mind of any believer rests that believer's ultimate victory or defeat. Reminiscing about the past is fruitful ONLY if it inspires you to do better in the present. Shallow remorse about

past failures and/or daydreaming about the times when things were better usually contributes to one's failure to adjust to the reality of life as it is as well as the failure to use one's resources to successfully contend with NOW. The Word maintains "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5

The third error is found in verse 2, "we hung our harps upon the willows". Hanging up the harp is giving up. You may be still living a morally clean life, attending church, giving an offering, and working with various groups, but if you have given up the things that God expects of you and for which God hold you personally responsible, then you have "hung up your harp". No matter how many charities you contribute to or how many hospitals visits you make or how many people you bring to church, as good as they are, these things will never substitute for the THINGS THAT GOD HAS ASSIGNED YOU TO DO. God's love for us is great as

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ARKANSAS

We, the members of the Day Temple Church of God in Christ, Pastor Bishop J. H. Jennings, bear you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Reporting victory over sin and shame. The Holy Ghost is our leader and guide. We are thanking and praising the Almighty God for His saving power and many blessings in these evil days. The Lord is blessing us now.

On June 21st through 26, our 24th Annual District Holy Convocation was held at the Day Temple Church. Truly the Lord blessed our hearts.

On Wednesday night the 23rd, our guest speaker was Supt. N. R. Sanders, presiding over the Revelation District. A small portion of his choir was with us. They sang out of their hearts to the glory and honor of God.

On Thursday night we was honored with our State Bishop L. T. Walker of Little Rock. We enjoyed him as always. The message was brought by Elder F. Reed. His thought was from Jeremiah 8:20, "The Harvest Is Past, The Summer Is Ended And We Are Not Saved."

Friday night our guest speaker was Supt. Famous Smith, presiding over the Canaan District from West Memphis, Arkansas. He also, through the Word of God, blessed our hearts.

Each night our workshop was conducted by Missionary Lena Hicks, who was assisted by Elder A. D. Smith. All seem to enjoy it very much.

Friday night the 25th, the Sunshine Band was at their best under the supervision of Missionary Barbie Park, the assistant President.

Our District Choir was at the top with Missionary Rilla B. Smith, presiding president of the Music Dept.

The Pastors' and Ministers' wives were on their job, rendering two selections and presenting and identifying themselves and their husbands. Also presenting their husbands with the ladies, white with pink corsages, each Pastor and Minister, pink boutonniere. The Lord was truly present with us as never before. Tokens of love and special presentations were given on Friday night and also Saturday night.

We are asking the prayers of the righteous, that we will ever wholly follow the Lord and continue to walk worthy in the vocation where we are called and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Eld. J. H. Jennings,
Dist. Superintendent

Mrs. Lena Hicks,
Dist. Missy. Presiding

FLORIDA



MISSIONARY
STELLA STALLWORTH

Superintendent Charles Brantley of the Tallahassee West District, Central Florida Jurisdiction, set aside October 9, 1982, to pay Tribute to Missionary Stella Stallworth for a "JOB WELL DONE."

Missionary Stallworth served as District Missionary for fourteen (14) years. She has been an instrument in beginning the following churches on her district: Greater Love COGIC of Tallahassee, Miracle Temple COGIC of Gretna, Florida, and Havana Mission COGIC in Havana, Florida. Other missions sites included work in Woodville, a small community 10 miles from Tallahassee and in Mt. Pleasant, Florida, which is approximately 40 miles from Tallahassee. She organized a Gadsden County Youth Congress and brought together the young people of the area in order to enhance their spiritual growth and to assist in the development of their leadership ability. They would meet once per month at a local church-plan programs which would be a blessing to the pastor and the church hosting the Congress. Many young people were encouraged through this mission. She played an integral part in acquiring the site for the Olson Road Mission and is presently working as a helper in the development of Prayer Temple COGIC of her District.

Missionary Stallworth is a native of Pensacola, Florida (Stella Miles Franklin). She has been saved since her early childhood under the leadership of State Chairman Elijah Banks. She worked in her early teens as a supporter to her pastor and to her local church programs. At the age of 16 she was a dynamic Pastor's Aid President, bringing about many projects and programs for the support of her leader.

After moving to Tallahassee, she again served as Pastor's Aid President and led many building fund programs for the University COGIC.

She works wholeheartedly with her state programs. She is especially grateful to Mother Susie Johnson; her state Supervisor who has been an example and a spiritual mother to her for many years.

She works closely with her State Supervisor serving as State Chairman of District Missionaries and State Chairman of the Women Convention. A position she has held for the past eight (8) years.

Missionary Stallworth serves as

the Elect Lady for the State Evangelist Board. She is gifted for the work. Her philosophy is that "women play a vital role in the ministry and that their help is priceless as they work closely with God's Shepherds in bringing in the sheep." Her Evangelist Department leader is Supt. Elijah Banks of Pensacola, Florida, whom she has worked with for 14 years.

She holds a B.S. Degree in Business Education and has taught school in two Junior Colleges of our State. She holds a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling and is presently a Guidance Counselor at Amos P. Godby High School in Tallahassee, Florida. She is a license Real Estate Broker of Florida and is the owner of Star-Lite Realty (Tallahassee).

She is the mother of two children-Joseph, who is attending Florida State University-he also is a Realtor-Associate (Star-Lite Realty),-her daughter Anita is a student at Florida A&M University, majoring in Office Management. She is married to the Elder Rosenwald Stallworth of the Church of God in Christ.

Missionary Stallworth feels that much is owed to the leadership of the Church of God in Christ-for it was in this church she was taught to believe and have faith in God and to put God first in her life and all other things would then be added... MISSIONARY STALLWORTH WE DO LOVE YOU.

Bishop C. D. Kinsey,
State Bishop
Mother Susie Johnson,
State Mother
Submitted by,
Missy. Catherine Clark,
Committee Member

ILLINOIS

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We at Anderson Memorial salute you and expect to find you blessed of the Lord as we are.

The Lord has and is doing great things for the saints at Anderson Memorial. He has blessed us with financial blessings, spiritual blessings, and healings. Under a new pastorship the church is coming up higher. The Holy Ghost abides freely at Anderson Memorial. Appointed on March 27, 1982, Elder Odell Dye is our new pastor, he is a man that moves by the anointing of the Holy Ghost. He preaches and teaches the Word of God and lives by it. Elder Dye was not only appointed by our Regional Bishop, but God set his approval on the appointment. He is a great leader. On February 26, 1982, the Lord performed a great miracle, one that we will long remember. The Lord healed Eld. Milton Thornton of diabetes. He was very sick and he had to be admitted into the hospital. His blood sugar level was 632, and he was going blind. The doctors told him he would have to be on insulin and a very strict diet the rest of his life. Being a man of faith, Elder

Thornton trusted in the Lord and the Lord delivered him. Eld. Thornton is a man who stands on God's Word. He is blessed with the gift of healing.

From April to May we had our Church Rally, the Lord truly blessed. Our State Mother Ford was honored on Saturday, the last day of her 9th Annual Women's Convention, that was held July 19, 1982, in Alton, Ill. Mother Ford brought the message that night, coming from the book of Esther. She was blessed with an offering and love tokens. Live on Mother Ford. God bless you.

Sis. Raquel Thornton,
Reporter

NEW JERSEY

We praise the Lord for a Pastor like Elder Guidry. A man that really teaches faith, and have faith in God. His favorite words are "everybody's Happy." We would like to share with the saints everywhere a couple of great testimonies that the Lord have given Sis. Hunt and Sis. Gresham.

Sis. Lilly Hunt

In May 1980, I was involved in a very serious accident, my car collided with a tractor trailer truck and caught fire. Also in the car was my sister, Joanne and my niece, Angie. Two weeks prior, my Pastor was attending a meeting in Memphis, Tenn. The Lord warned him that a tragedy was coming and lead him to come to my home in Pennsgrove, New Jersey to pray. I believe that because of the prayers that Eld. Guidry prayed, we are alive today.

My sister suffered multiple bruises, back and internal injuries. My niece suffered brain damage and internal injuries. She was in a coma for eleven days. When Angie came out of the coma she had to be taught how to walk and talk again. We thank God for their complete healing.

I thank God for through all that happened I didn't suffer pain, my right leg was severely injured, the doctors wanted to amputate it. Elder Guidry asked them not to, with his prayers and those of the saints the Lord worked a miracle on that leg. Praise the Lord I am walking today. I was also left blind from the accident, but I believe that God is going to restore my sight.

Today I am a witness that God is yet working miracles.

Sis. Sheila Gresham

In July 1982, I was at my mother's house and I got sick. My mother took me to the doctor, and he examined me and told me that I had cancer. He then told me that I had to have a biopsy to determine what stage the cancer was in, after the test, he told me that I was in the first stage.

I told my pastor, Elder Guidry, and he began telling me about Faith and how it can touch God for my healing. Elder Guidry asked the church to fast and

pray for me for three days. I had to return to the doctor on that Wednesday, and while I was dressing the nurse called and told me not to come in. For two weeks the doctor wouldn't tell me anything. I couldn't get an appointment or talk to him on the phone. So about the third week I called the doctor and he told me to come in. During the office visit he told me that I didn't have cancer. They don't understand, but my soul is happy. Thank God, thank God.

OKLAHOMA



ELDER AND MRS.
TITUS ROBERTSON

This summer the city of Tulsa enforced a water ration for Tulsans that used city water.

However, there was not a shortage of spiritual rain for the Lansing Street Church of God in Christ, where Bishop J. A. Young is the presiding bishop for Northwest Oklahoma. "This summer has been one of the most spiritually exciting for our congregation," explained Pastor Robertson.

The Lord gave Elder Titus Robertson the pastorage of Lansing Street COGIC three years ago when Emertis Bishop A. L. Hearne appointed him. Since that time the church has grown in spirit, membership, and finance.

God lead Elder Robertson to have two revivals this past summer. The first was a joint revival with Pentecostal Temple COGIC where Elder Roy Davis is pastor. This revival was conducted by Evang. H. A. Bryant of Long Beach, Calif. The city of Tulsa experienced a great outpour of God's presence during these two weeks-people were saved, delivered, and filled with the Spirit.

The next cloud burst of God's Spirit occurred when Missionary Mary Webster of Chicago, Illinois conducted a two week revival at Lansing Street COGIC. The members of our church experienced an unusual flow of God's power. Time would not permit us to tell of the many blessings that was received!

The future outlook of our church is very bright. We have a goal at Lansing Street COGIC, to win every lost soul to the Kingdom of God and there is no stopping until we do!

Bro. Mack G. Jones
Reporter

NEW JERSEY

FIRST CONSECRATION
FOR COURTNEY'S
TEMPLE CHURCH OF
GOD IN CHRIST,
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to the saints everywhere. From the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of New Jersey. On June 6th, 1982, at 4:00 p.m., Bishops, Elders, Ministers, Mothers, and Laymen from the First Jurisdiction gathered at Courtney's Temple Church of God in Christ, 733 Pennington and Coolidge Aves., in Trenton, New Jersey to dedicate the new edifice. It was a dream come true for our State Bishop Esau Courtney. Where there is no vision the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18) "And I will raise me up a faithful priest that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind. And I will build him a sure house. And he shall work before mine anointed forever" (I Sam. 2:35).

Program as follows. The Prelude-Professor Henry Leonard with call to entry. Elder Curly Guidry, Hymn of Intercession, "I NEED THEE" sung by the Congregation and Choir. The Mass Choir under the direction of Minister Sykes, singing out of their hearts. Expressions by Mother Mary Purnell-State Supervisor of Women's Work. Bishop Courtney had the many Clergy, Missionaries, and Friends stand and identify themselves. Also the Builders, Architects, Electricians, Plumbers, and all who did any special work and donated their time and money. He said he hoped he hadn't missed anyone. The Mass Choir sang a very impressing song, it was "JESUS CAN WORK IT OUT" led by Minister Sykes. There was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Missionary Mildred Williams sang the sermonic solo which was "JUST TO BEHOLD HIS FACE". After which our honorable Bishop Courtney, came forth again saying, "Let the breath of the wind breathe on you."

Bishop Courtney, preached about "Dry Bones" "hear the words of the Lord". The first sermon preached in the new temple. The Lord blessed in a mighty way. Next offertory, and invitation of Christian discipleship, followed by prayer and dedication by Elder L. O. Rogers of Lakewood, New Jersey. Chant of praise from Mass Choir and Benediction.

Pray for us here in New Jersey.

Bishop Courtney, State Bishop, Elder H. Henderson, Admin. Assist., Mother M. Purnell, Supv. of Women's Work, Reporting from Sea Shore District, Elder C. A. Jackson, Dist. Supt., Missionary V. Cooper, Dist. Missy., Sis. Ruth E. Shaw, Reporter

NEW YORK

GRACE TEMPLE
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST

Homegoing services of our dear pastor's wife, Missionary Willie Ree Williams, took place on July 9, 1982. She quietly passed away in her sleep on July 4, 1982. We are soliciting the prayers of all the saints for our pastor in his time of bereavement.

New York State Jurisdiction Sixty-first Annual Convocation was a great success. Our pastor, Thomas J. Williams, preached an inspirational message prior to water baptismal services. His message was entitled, "When my work is finished, I want to go home and rest". (Text St. John 17:4).

Grace Temple Church of God in Christ conducted its first annual "Baby Contest" on July 25, 1982, to raise funds for the church. This event was a great success.

On July 31, 1982, the South Central District of New York State Jurisdiction, conducted a luncheon on behalf of the District Benevolent Association. This event was a great success.

Yours in Christ,
Denise Boone, Church Editor

OREGON

Holy Greetings to saints everywhere in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ! We, the saints of St. Paul Church of God in Christ, under the divine leadership of our Presiding Bishop, the illustrious Bishop J. C. Foster of the Second Jurisdiction of Oregon, have just closed out our (21st) Twenty-First Holy Convocation. Theme: "The Call to Holiness" June 7-13, 1982.

Our special guest, The Right Reverend Bishop J. O. Patterson, his grace, had our ears and hearts attuned as he delivered a soul stirring message on what the "Church" is.

As we went on shouting victory, our hearts were overjoyed on Official Sunday, with a message from our Bishop J. C. Foster: Text; on the Convocation Theme.

Whenever you are in Portland, Oregon stop by St. Paul, 2859 N. E. Rodney, you're always welcome.

Sister Terri Morphis, Reporting
Bishop J. C. Foster, Pastor

OREGON COGIC ON THE
MOVE FOR CHRIST

Holy Greetings to the saints everywhere from the great Beaver State of Oregon, First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction where our most eminent Bishop H. B. Daniels, Sr., is our Jurisdictional Bishop and Mother Eulah

Williams is our State Supervisor. We are truly thankful to the Lord for blessing us this year thus far in his divine guidance of direction for the upbuilding of his kingdom.

On December 13, 1981, a new house for the Lord was dedicated to the glory and honor of God. Salem Mission Revival Center Church of God in Christ was built and fully completed from the ground up by our own Superintendent Elder Arthur J. Shankle who is the founder and Pastor of our new edifice, in Oregon's State Capital city of Salem, Oregon. Superintendent Shankle is also the Pastor of the Bethel Temple Church of God in Christ, which was the first church he started in 1971, and built in 1972, in Eugene, Oregon. Bishop H. B. Daniels, Sr., along with the State Executive Board and churches throughout the Jurisdiction and State came to Salem, Oregon to give their tribute and appreciation to Superintendent and Missionary Shankle for their endeavoring hard, and unselfish labor towards building God's house. The first Church of God in Christ founded, established and erected in Salem, Oregon after six years of using an available Y.W.C.A. room for worship services and looking for property that would be the laying of the foundation for God's house. When God spoke to Pastor Shankle's heart in September of 1976, concerning building His house in Salem, Oregon he did not hesitate to obey the Lord's voice. Elder Shankle and his precious wife, Missionary L. V. Shankle, drove back and forth from Eugene to Salem faithfully to pastor both churches while still making plans, looking, and praying for the Lord to open up the hearts of the men and women who would help them and the members of Salem Mission Revival Center Church of God in Christ build the Lord's house for His people.

Today, the new Salem Mission Revival Center Church of God in Christ now resides at 4308 Hillrose Street S.E., Salem, Oregon. Elder Arthur J. Shankle started his Pastorship in 1966, in Eugene, Oregon and is now Superintendent of the Willamette District of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of Oregon.

Our Jurisdiction has also been blessed with three newly appointed Pastors and two new Pastors that have started churches. The Elder Mack L. Walker, Sr., who served faithfully as a Minister and Ordained Elder was appointed to pastor the Williams Temple COGIC upon the loss of the church's former Pastor, Eld. E. W. Rand. Elder Leanell Adams, who also served faithfully as Assistant Pastor to the late Supt. R. Thomas, was appointed to the St. Luke Memorial COGIC upon Supt. Thomas' passing. Recently appointed to the Pastorship is the Elder Harold Griffith, who will be pastoring our first Church of God in Christ in Pendleton, Oregon in the near future.

The Jurisdiction's two new Pastors who have just started

churches are Elder R. Tate, Pastor of the Christ Memorial COGIC and Elder T. Moore, Pastor of the Lighthouse COGIC. We also give our appreciation to Elder O. Chappell, Pastor of the St. John's All Nations COGIC, for his faithful and dedicated labor towards the renovation and beautifying of a seventy-year old store building into a beautiful house for the Lord.

On the evening of June 15, 1982, at the Greater Mt. Calvary COGIC, (Jurisdictional Headquarters) we were privileged and blessed to have our most outstanding International Presiding Bishop, Bishop J. O. Patterson as our special guest and speaker during our Thirty-Eighth Annual Holy Convocation of the First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. Bishop Patterson set our spirits and souls a-fire as he expounded, through the Holy Ghost, the Word of God.

August 9-14, 1982, marked our United State Auxiliaries Convention with all five of our State Auxiliaries ministering in the Lord, our: Sunday School Dept., Eld. E. C. Suell, State Superintendent; Evangelistic Dept., Min. L. Dent, President; Y.P.W.W. Dept., Eld. A. Richardson, President; Music Dept., Madame Wendy Daniels Jackson, President; Home and Foreign Mission Dept., Eld. L. Franklin, President and our outstanding USAC Chairman, Elder H. B. Daniels, Jr. The Lord met us each evening in a great way and many souls were blessed during the convention.

Our State Presiding Bishop, Bishop H. B. Daniels, Sr., endorses his full support of the National Tithing Plan, Saints Center, All Saints University and our Seventy-Fifth Diamond Jubilee Celebration of our "Grand Ole" Church of God in Christ. May God continue to bless His saints everywhere and the saints here in Oregon as we work to win souls to Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop H. B. Daniels, Sr.
Jurisdictional Bishop and Pastor
Eld. R. C. Lightner
Reporting

TENNESSEE

Recently the Bishop Audley King and members of Tennessee Second Jurisdiction purchased a new Delta 88 Oldsmobile for their Supervisor of Women, Mother Fannie Page. A special ceremony during which keys were delivered was held at the Bright Temple Church of God in Christ in Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Mother Page is an 86-year-old renowned woman evangelist. A resident of Memphis, she is a long standing member of Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church. She has served Tennessee Second Jurisdiction as Supervisor for over 25 years. Mother Page is known throughout the Church of God in Christ because of her successful evangelistic ministry in which she is still actively

involved. Even now she conducts revivals year-round. A product of Dad Mason's pastoral ministry, Mother Page possesses an unusual anointing-to which anyone who has attended her revivals can attest. She frequents many of the churches in the jurisdiction: every church in which she has run revivals has experienced growth. As well, souls are saved and baptised with the Holy Ghost everywhere she ministers.

The members of Tennessee Second are proud of Mother Page..of her ministry, her involvement in the National work and of her godly sincerity.

REQUIRED OF US A
SONG

by
Missy. M. M. Marsh

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demonstrated in John 3:16. Our main objective should be to please Him always. Obedience pleases God. The old hymn reminds us "Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best song".

The key to continuing to sing your soul's best song is to refuse "to sit down" on your total Christian commitment and refuse "to weep" with self-pity and "refuse" to "hang up" anything that God has invested in you. You will reap the rewards of the abundant life now and eternal life later as well as contribute to the harvest of souls who are drawn to Christ because YOU LIVE in victory, worship in victory, work in victory and witness in victory DESPITE adversity as you demonstrate Romans 8:31, "If God be for us, who can be against us".

IT MAKES NO
DIFFERENCE HOW YOU
VOTED

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A few weeks ago, your brother and mine, Papas' son, Attorney J. O. Patterson, Jr. was handed a defeat in the Mayoral Run-off in Memphis. The margin, for those of us who follow politics, was not that astounding. However, we must listen to the message of this defeat. As Rev. Jesse Jackson so candidly puts it, "No one can HELP US but US!" Memphis blew it. But that was by design. The grass-roots were not there. At least when he needed them. But you can believe he is yet that star on the horizon; the most viable candidate and you can believe that the future belongs to those who dare to dream.

It makes no difference how you voted, the nightmare is REAL.

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WOMEN'S CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN HISTORIC AND CULTURAL CENTER

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on. There are presently 5 auxiliaries in the Department: Prayer and Bible Band, Sewing Circle, Purity Class, Home and Foreign Mission, and Sunshine Band, and all shall be represented at this convention.

So come and experience unforgettable activities, tasty delicacies, historic exhibits and the like, while the blessings of God shower you at the Women's Convention. Five days and nights of enjoyable spiritual retreat with the Saints of God while treating yourself to a dream vacation.

BISHOP WASHINGTON APPOINTS ITHIEL CLEMMONS ASSISTANT BISHOP OF EASTERN, NEW YORK

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In other wide ranging moves to strengthen the work and to allow leadership potential to emerge, Bishop Washington and the Jurisdiction received the results of a Research Team that has worked for a whole year to produce a working paper for Fiscal Development and Accountability. Bishop Washington said, "Good stewardship today requires that we take advantage of the wide range of technical services designed to enhance the needs of an informational, computer-oriented constituency." The team was headed by Elder David Butler; a CPA who belongs to the Church of God in Christ and is a Fiscal Management Specialist for the Salvation Army.

Some other important and significant appointments were as follows. The hard working, charming Mother Creola Wallace continues as Jurisdictional Supervisor of the Women's Department. Superintendent Norman Quick was appointed Jurisdictional Coordinator. Superintendent Clarence Harmon was appointed Co-Chairman with Bishop Frank Cook of the Board of Elders. Superintendent D. H. Green,

Chairman of Board of Superintendents. Supt. J. P. Lee, President of Jurisdictional Monthly Conference. Superintendent Clarence Sexton, who is Assistant Chairman of the denominations' General Assembly at Memphis, was appointed Jurisdictional Treasurer. The dynamic Mrs. Thomasina Brown was selected to head the Jurisdiction's Religious Workers Guild that each year will present the Jurisdiction's highest award; the O. M. Kelly Award.

From my vantage point as an observer, I heartily agree with remarks made by visiting General Board Member, Bishop Chandler Owens that, "God loves Bishop Washington and Eastern New York Jurisdiction and that under the Washington Administration the Jurisdiction is destined to develop a model that the rest of the Church of God in Christ can emulate". God bless Bishop Washington and Bishop Clemmons.

Elder Herman W. Hullum

THE EVANGELIST WHO WOULDN'T PUT DOWN HIS HORN

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acknowledged for his high position within the church.

But, no, Elder E. L. Battles, the newly appointed president of the National Evangelist Department, will not put down his trumpet. He says that playing the trumpet is a gift from God that he cannot neglect. He used to play years ago when there was a national church orchestra. Today, he still plays his instrument to the honor and glory of God. Elder Battles is not so "high and mighty" that he cannot do those simple, inconspicuous things he used to do before the promotion to his present position.

It is this spirit of humility that caught the attention of the Administration and led them to elevate the man. Elder Battles has always been one to work in the background. He has done so in major National meetings, including the former Youth Congress. For years he worked behind the scenes with the National Evangelist Department, under the late Bishop L. C. Page. He continued in a supportive

role, as Second Vice President, when Bishop F. D. Washington was appointed interim president of the Evangelist Department. Elder Battles had no idea that he would become the next president of this great department.

But, on April 16th, 1982, he was officially appointed by the General Board as President of the National Evangelist Department. When asked what his reaction was, Elder Battles responded, "I was grateful to the Lord". The Lord indeed had blessed this humble servant by elevating him to this office of prominence.

In a personal interview, the new president was asked what were his plans for the department. Elder Battle's answer was in keeping with the department's theme: "The flame of evangelism must never go out". One of his major goals is to raise support for a COGIC worldwide television ministry. This is to be done in conjunction and cooperation with Bishop Patterson, General Board Members, and the National headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee.

Another Evangelist Department goal is to sponsor at least two three-day crusades a year. Since his appointment, Elder Battles has already sponsored one crusade in St. Louis, Missouri. Another one is being planned for Tampa, Florida. This crusade is to be televised by Bishop P. A. Brooks of Detroit, Michigan.

Other plans include joining hands with the Mission Department to co-sponsor certain projects. Elder Battles has already discussed with Bishop Moody the likelihood of lending support to a missions project in Haiti. He has also been in conversation with the Bishop of Haiti concerning a possible evangelistic crusade.

Elder Battles will also seek to be supportive of evangelists within the department. He looks forward to the day when the department can financially support full-time evangelists. In the meantime, he hopes to be in a position to recommend evangelists in good standing with the church. He also hopes to help state jurisdictions in their evangelistic endeavors.

Elder Battles has been at this type of thing, (evangelistic work), for years. He started out as a teenage preacher. At the age of 18 or 19, he preached out a rural church in Mansfield, Texas. Today his evangelistic spirit stands out as a hallmark of the two churches he pastors -- Mitchell St. COGIC in Dallas and Love Sanctuary COGIC in Ft. Worth. The former he has pastored for 24 years, the latter for 17 years. Both churches have a membership of about 300.

In a real sense, Elder Battles is a Pastor/Evangelist or a pastor who does the work of an evangelist (II Tim. 4:5). In addition to the many revivals he preaches, he conducts an evangelistic outreach with the film, "The Burning Hell". Many souls have been saved through this contemporary style of evangelism.

Pastoral evangelism, no doubt, has kept Elder Battles busy. On Sunday mornings he preaches at one church and Sunday nights at the other. During the week he alternately visits the churches again. Both churches have an active Evangelists Department with ministers who take charge in his absence. Elder Battles says he "has no idle time" and that "no price is too great for the winning of souls".

One of the keys to his success has been his love and concern for people. This has led him to become actively involved in the community. He is presently a Board Member of the local Sickle cell Anemia Foundation and the Maddox Community Center. He is also a member of the NAACP and Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY BENEFIT BANQUET A GREAT SUCCESS

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masterful job of keeping our program running smoothly.

The prelude and interim music was provided by Brother Christopher B. Thomas, the fourteen year old Organist of NEW COMMUNITY COGIC, PORTSMOUTH, VA. Sister Peggy Britt sang the Lord's Prayer and America, The NEW COMMUNITY MASS CHOIR sang "Come on in this house, it's going to rain."

On hand to give our Presiding Bishop civic greetings from each of the Tidewater cities were:

NORFOLK--Councilwoman Betty Howell who gave greetings and presented the Norfolk Mace to Bishop Patterson and Bishop Love. She also sent the wives of these Bishops a mace as well.

PORTSMOUTH--Rev. Ben Beamer, Vice-Mayor of Portsmouth greeted us and presented Bishop Patterson, Bishop Sherman, and Bishop Love with paperweights with the Portsmouth Seal and each name engraved on his paperweight.

VIRGINIA BEACH--Councilwoman Meyera Oberdorf, was dynamic in her

analogy of the church and its importance in Christian Education for our youth. She then presented Bishop Patterson, Bishop Love, and Bishop Sherman with the Jefferson Cup bearing the Virginia Beach Seal.

Surely Bishop Patterson felt welcomed to the Tidewater Area by our officials as well as the saints of God. We wanted him to know that we want him to come back to Virginia, Jurisdiction One, as soon as he can work it into his busy and taxing schedule.

We feel committed to the cause of ASU. We want our young people to be taught COGIC beliefs and doctrines. It is our prayer that many young people from Virginia will have an opportunity to attend ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL OF US SHOULD GRAB THE VISION AND HELP RUN WITH IT!

GOD BLESS THE SAINTS EVERYWHERE,

Bishop David C. Love, Host Bishop Mother Thelma G. Vaughn, State Supervisor Dr. Ted Thomas, Sr., Assistant Overseer Regional Representative For Diamond Jubilee

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probably take weeks, months or even years for it to assume a new one.

No matter how much you change, you may not be able to remake your marriage into exactly what you want. After all, your spouse's personality is just as important as an ingredient in the relationship as your own. Still, it is worth trying: change in one person can often spur change in the other and, as a result, in their marriage.

Sometimes we look too much for magical formulas. What we need to realize is that building a good marriage takes a lot of effort. The starting point in making a marriage work is working ourselves. The results are bound to reverberate through all our relationships, including the most intimate one of all.

There's help to be gained outside the family, namely in workshops and seminars. Look around your community. There are workshops and seminars on marriage enrichment, behavior modification, assertiveness training and communication skills that are being offered.

For some good leads, call a friend, a Family Service Agency. The local YMCA, or the community affairs department of a nearby college. These workshops/ - seminars can help you set up a systematic approach to solving your marital problems.

"Finally, be ye all of one mind (husbands and wives), having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: But contrariwise blessing," I Peter 3:8, 9.

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